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1. I SAW DENKTASH MID-AFTERNOON DEC 6. I TOLD HIM THAT AS A RESULT OF MY MORNING'S CONVERSATION WITH CHRISTOPHIDES I COULD CONFIRM THE GREEK SIDE'S ACCEPTANCE OF HIS POINTS ONE, TWO AND FOUR. REGARDING HIS POINT THREE, THE GREEK SIDE HAD REAL PROBLEMS OWING TO ITS MILITANT MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE AND SOME SENIOR GOC OFFICIALS ARE PRESSING FOR ELIMINATION OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA TWELVE IN REV 4. THE BEST THE GREEK SIDE CAN DO IS TO AGREE TO LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPH AS IT STANDS. GREEK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS, HOWEVER, ARE WELL AWARE THAT THERE CAN BE NO DISINTERMENT DURING THE LIFE OF COMMITTEE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, I NOTED ALSO THAT "WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES" CAN
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BE TAKEN IN TWO WAYS. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, DENKTASH SAID, "I TOLD YOU 'UNANIMOUS' YESTERDAY, AND I WILL SAY THE SAME THING TO THE ICRC MEMBER, BUT I WILL ACCEPT THE WORDING OF PARA TWELVE AS IT STANDS."

2. WE TURNED TO QUESTIONS OF DECISION-MAKING AND ORDER OF INVESTIGATION. I NOTED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE

WAS STILL INSISTENT ON INCORPORATING LANGUAGE ON VOTING IN PARA ONE, REV 4, BUT THAT IN AN EFFORT TO BRIDGE THE GAP WE HAD FORMULATED LANGUAGE (REF B, PARA FOUR, SUB-PARA ONE) RECORDING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF AN ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE. WE HAD DONE THE SAME FOR ORDER OF INVESTIGATION. MY HOPE WAS THAT IF TURK CYPRIOTS, GOC AND USG COULD AGREE ON THIS LANGUAGE, I COULD RECORD THIS IN A TELEGRAM, COPIES OF WHICH I WOULD PROVIDE TO BOTH SIDES.

3. DENKTASH'S FIRST REACTION WAS "NO" TO BOTH SUB-PARAS. HE FEELS QUITE STRONGLY THAT EITHER THE COMMITTEE WILL WORK ON THE BASIS OF GOOD WILL, IN WHICH CASE IT WILL SUCCEED, OR PARTIES' INTENTIONS ARE TO TRICK EACH OTHER, OBSTRUCT, AND MAKE PROPAGANDA. IF THE LATTER, NO AMOUNT OF LINGUISTIC TOUCHING UP OR BUTTRESSING OF THE WORKING PAPER WILL HAVE ANY MEANING. HE EXPATIATED ON THIS AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH. IN THE END, HOWEVER, DENKTASH AGREED TO SUB-PARA TWO ON PROCEDURE IN THE ORDER OF INVESTIGATION. THAT LEFT SUB-PARA ONE ON MAJORITY DECISION.

4. AFTER FURTHER LONG DISCUSSION, DENKTASH AGREED THAT I COULD TRY ON WITH CHRISTOPHIDES A FORMULATION ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE MR. DENKTASH STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL DEPEND

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ON GOOD WILL. IF THERE IS GOOD WILL, DECISIONS WILL NATURALLY BE BY CONSENSUS. HE RECOGNIZES THAT THERE MAY BE CASES WHERE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW DEVELOP. IN SUCH CASES HE IS DISPOSED TO RESPECT THE MAJORITY WILL. THE ICRC MEMBER, HE EXPECTS, WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN PRODUCING AGREEMENT IN SUCH CASES AND THE RESULT IN PRACTICAL TERMS WILL HOPEFULLY BE CONSENSUS. THIS IS MR. DENKTASH'S DEFINITION OF CONSENSUS AS APPLIED TO PARA TWO OF THE WORKING PAPER. MR. DENKTASH COULD NOT AGREE TO LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD ENABLE EITHER PARTY TO USE MAJORITY DECISION IN A COERCIVE SENSE. ANY LANGUAGE THAT LED TO THIS WOULD IN HIS VIEW ENDANGER THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE. END QUOTE.

5. AT THE END OF OUR MEETING, DENKTASH ASSERTED THAT THE TURKISH SIDE REALLY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THIRD COMMITTEE DEBATE. IT HAS ACCEPTED REVISION 4 OF US WORKING PAPER AND IS WILLING TO STAND ON THIS PUBLICLY.

6. I TOLD DENKTASH THAT I WOULD TRY HIS IDEAS ON WITH CHRISTOPHIDES AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH.

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